

To Whom It May Concern,

This annual report of Missouri's Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) is hereby offered for public review. The panel undertook a variety of challenging tasks during the fiscal year that were treated in a professional and thoughtful manner. It is with a sense of accomplishment and pride that we present this document.

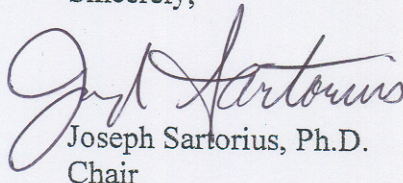
The advisory panel is composed of individuals representing a wide spectrum of stakeholders and stakeholder groups. The role of the advisory panel is to review programs and activities of Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) relevant to special education. The advisory panel will make requests for additional information and make recommendations where appropriate in a collaborative effort with DESE. The ultimate goal is to assist in providing Missouri's students in special education with programs and assistance enabling them to be successful in their academic careers and adult life.

The advisory panel wishes to recognize the support and assistance of DESE staff, including Deborah Parsons, Coordinator of Special Education Services, and Lina Browner, Executive Assistant for the Division of Special Education. The Panel thanks other DESE staff for their assistance through a variety of presentations, informational support and periodic attendance at panel meetings.

Meetings of the advisory panel are open to the public, and we welcome guests who wish to either observe panel meetings and/or make comments relevant to our duties.

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Sincerely,



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